

weight of the aqueous alkaline solution within a time from 30 minutes to 100 hours, under agitation to effect hydrolysis condensation reaction of the starting material.

Please add new claim 9 as follows:

9. (New) A method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin which comprises the steps of:

(a) preparing an aqueous alkaline solution having a pH value in the range from 10.0 to 13.0 by the addition of a basic compound selected from the group consisting of ammonia and water-soluble amine compounds to water;

(b) adding a water-soluble electrolytic compound of a metal to the aqueous alkaline solution in a concentration of the metallic ions in the range from  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  mole/liter; and

(c) adding, to the aqueous alkaline solution, an organotrialkoxy silane compound or a partial hydrolysis condensation product thereof as the starting material, in an amount in the range from 5 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the aqueous alkaline solution, within a time from 30 minutes to 100 hours, under agitation, at an intensity which does not increase the agglomeration of the globular particles formed, to effect hydrolysis condensation reaction of the starting material.

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